

# H. R. 1232.

(Report No. 29.)

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 28, 1867.

Read twice, ordered to be printed, and recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means.

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Mr. HOGAN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported  
the following bill:

### A BILL

To compensate the North Missouri Railroad Company, of Missouri, for losses sustained during the rebellion in performing government service, and to allow a credit on duties to be paid upon imported railroad iron.

Whereas the North Missouri railroad, in the State of Missouri, in the years eighteen hundred and sixty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and eighteen hundred and sixty-four, was at various times attacked and raided upon by rebel forces, acting at times under orders from officers in the regular service of the confederate authorities, and at times as lawless guerillas, and was greatly damaged in the burning of cars, depots, repair shops, and bridges, and in the tearing up and destruction of its track, whereby the railroad company sustained a loss in material and business exceeding one million of dollars; and whereas said railroad company, in its officers and employees, was at all times loyal to the government of the

United States, and did all in its power to aid the authorities of the United States in suppressing the rebellion, by transporting troops, arms, and ammunition, and thereby did efficient service for the United States, and in consequence incurred the hostility of rebels and their sympathizers to such an extent as to induce the attacks and destruction of property aforesaid; and whereas said railroad was not adequately protected by the forces of the United States while so engaged in government service, nor were the damages aforesaid, in whole or in part, repaired or repaid by the United States, nor has said railroad company received from the United States any compensation or equivalent therefor; and whereas said railroad company is now engaged in changing and rebuilding portions of its road so damaged as aforesaid, and in extending its road northward so as to connect it with railroads in the State of Iowa, and also, by branches running east and west, to connect it with railroads in Kansas and Illinois, and for these purposes is engaged in importing railroad iron: Therefore—

- 1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3       That said North Missouri Railroad Company may import and
- 4       receive through the port of Saint Louis forty-five thousand
- 5       tons of iron rails of foreign manufacture, to be used in laying
- 6       railroad track in repairing and rebuilding its road so damaged
- 7       as aforesaid, and in extending its road northward to Iowa,
- 8       and east and west by branches to the States of Kansas and
- 9       Illinois, without paying, upon the receipt of such iron rails,
- 10      the government duties and charges thereon, as now required

11 by the revenue laws of the United States: *Provided*, That  
12 the said railroad company, or contractors engaged in building  
13 its said road, or other parties representing it or them, shall  
14 give bonds to the United States, from time to time as such  
15 iron is received, in double the amount of the duties and  
16 charges due thereon under such revenue laws, with security  
17 to be approved by the surveyor of the port of Saint Louis  
18 and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States,  
19 conditioned for the payment of such duties and charges in  
20 five equal annual instalments, to date from the execution of  
21 such bonds, which bonds shall be forwarded to and filed in  
22 the office of the Secretary of the Treasury.